

## Maggie Green to bring Brazil to area festival

PARKERSBURG — Maggie Green will be bringing Brazilian music and culture to the hills of West Virginia during next weekend's Mid-Ohio Valley Multi-Cultural Festival at City Park.

During the past three years, Green, who lives in Columbus and grew up in Michigan, has immersed herself in the music and lifestyle of Brazil. In fact, her latest CD was recorded in Rio de Janeiro and features some of Brazil's finest musicians.

Bossa Nova classics such as "A Ra" and "One Note Samba" are on the singer Green's 10-song CD.

Green, 29, started her music career singing jazz standards. She is a 2000 graduate of Berklee College of Music in Boston.

She drifted away from jazz — and to Brazilian music — because of the vocal traditions and rhythms associated with Bossa Nova (developed in the 1950s) and samba dancing, steeped in African traditions, Green said in a telephone interview this week.

"I love the vocal aspect of Brazilian music. The music is a blend of rhythm and groove with

long melodies," she said. "It is fun music to sing."

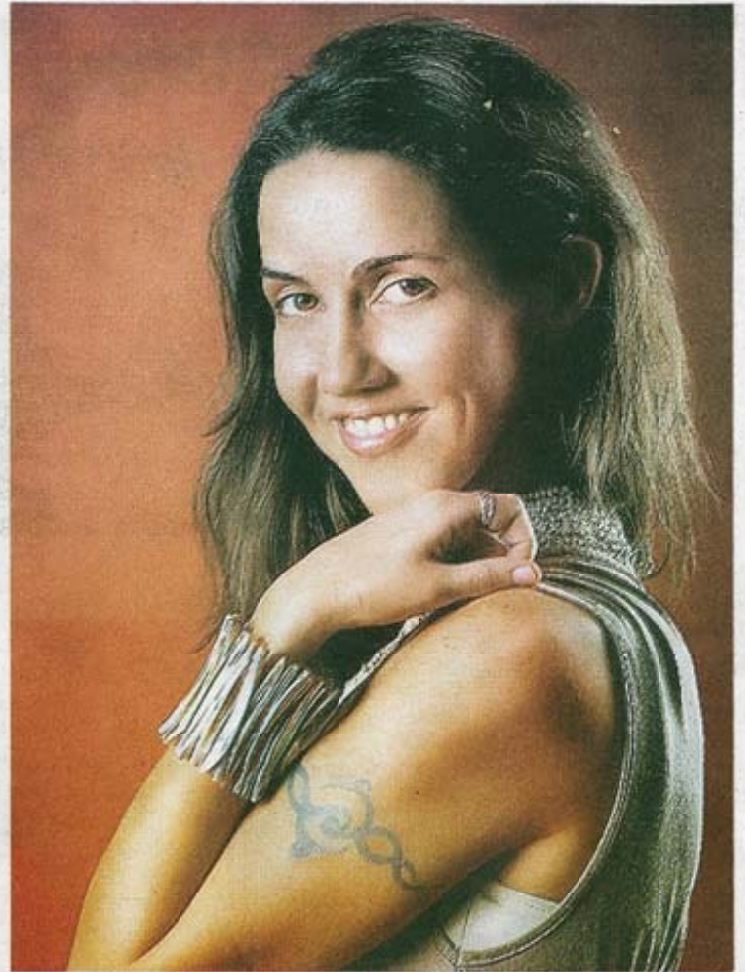
At the same time, Green felt jazz was moving from an emphasis on vocals to one of loud instrumental sounds. Her first CD contained jazz tunes.

Her love of Brazil included learning the Portuguese language. She sings most of the songs on her new CD in Portuguese, which she says sounds French. She has made four trips to Brazil in the past two years, finding the people to be warm and inviting.

Green said her sound is traditional Bossa Nova and not a loud, pop music style.

For the performance at City Park from 7-8:30 p.m. June 16, Green will be bringing two guitarists and a drummer with her. She has been performing at festivals and in nightclubs in the Cleveland and Columbus areas and this will be her first visit to West Virginia.

Listening to Green's music while sitting under a shade tree in City Park, many miles from the beaches of Rio, you might just see "The Girl from Ipanema" walk by.



Maggie Green will perform 7-8:30 p.m. June 16 at the Mid-Ohio Valley Multi-Cultural Festival at Parkersburg City Park.